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SUBJECT: POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN JERUSALEM

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1. RE BEGIN QUERY ON RANKING MEMBERS OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION, I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH TODAY WITH FONMIN KAMEL TO ASK ABOUT ANY MINISTERIAL RANK MEMBERS. KAMEL SAID HE WILL BE THE ONLY MEMBER OF MINISTERIAL RANK. IF HE SHOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO CAIRO, MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI WILL TAKE OVER THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION FOR HIM. TOLD HIM I HAD GOTTEN IMPRESSION FROM GHALI PREVIOUS DAY THAT BOTH KAMEL AND GHALI WOULD BE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION (REF B). KAMEL SAID THIS IS NOT THE PRESENT PLAN. GHALI WILL NOT GO TO JERUSALEM WITH HIM, BUT WILL COME TO TAKE OVER DELEGATION IF KAMEL HAS TO RETURN TO CAIRO. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FYI: KAMEL HAS TALKED OF RETURNING TO CAIRO FOR A FEW DAYS AROUND JANUARY 18 TO BRIEF SADAT AND OBTAIN NEW INSTRUCTIONS. END FYI.

2. RE MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING, I AM STILL TRYING TO
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CONTACT GAMASY, WHO IS NOT AVAILABLE EITHER AT HIS HOME OR OFFICE. ACCORDING U.K. AMBASSADOR, HE TOLD VISITING U.K. DEFENSE MINISTER MULLEY THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL CONVENE IN CAIRO JANUARY 10. IN MY LAST TALK WITH GAMASY, HE SUGGESTED JANUARY 9 (CAIRO 148), BUT VP MUBARAK YESTERDAY SUGGESTED JANUARY 10 OR 11, DEPENDING ON WEIZMAN'S PREFERENCE (CAIRO 380). EGYPTIANS DO

FEEL STRONGLY MILITARY COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET BEFORE
POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH THEY CLAIM
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